

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below.

1. to 32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim [[32]] 88, wherein said editing step comprises applying [[an]] at least one edit function component of the template to each image of the input sequence, those ones of the images not satisfying the edit function being omitted from the output sequence.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein the edit function comprises at least one effect for application to the image, the effect being selected from the group consisting of visual effects and audible effects.

36. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 35, wherein the visual effects are selected from the group consisting of reproduction speed variation, zooming, blurring, and color variation.

37. to 54. (Cancelled)

55. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim [[54]] 89, wherein the editing comprises applying [[an]] at least one edit function component of the template to each image of the input sequence, those ones of the images not satisfying the edit function being are omitted from the output sequence.

56. (Cancelled)

57. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim [[56]] 55, wherein the edit function comprises at least one effect for application to the image, the effect being selected from the group consisting of visual effects and audible effects.

58. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the visual effects are selected from the group consisting of reproduction speed variation, zooming, blurring, and color variation.

59. to 78. (Cancelled)

79. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim [[78]] 90, wherein said editing comprises applying [[an]] at least one edit function component of the template to each image of the input sequence, those ones of the images not satisfying the edit function being omitted from the output sequence.

80. (Cancelled)

81. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium according to claim [[80]] 79, wherein the edit function comprises at least one effect for application to the image, the effect being selected from the group consisting of visual effects and audible effects.

82. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium according to claim 81, wherein the visual effects are selected from the group consisting of reproduction speed variation, zooming, blurring, and color variation.

83. (Currently Amended) An edited sequence of images formed through implementation of a series of images according to any one of claims 88, 89 and 90 ~~1, 16, 37, 45 and 59~~.

84. to 87. (Cancelled)

88. (New) A method of processing an input sequence of digital images, said method comprising the steps of:

classifying each digital image of the sequence, wherein said classifying comprises:

analyzing the digital image for the presence of a human face;

determining a size of the located face with respect to a size of the image;

classifying the digital image according to one of at least three shot types based on the relative size of the face with respect to the image; and

storing the classification of the digital image as metadata associated with the digital image,

wherein said method further comprises, establishing an editing template for the sequence, the template having edit function components each corresponding to one of the image classifications; and

editing the sequence according to the template using the classification of each image in the input sequence to form an output sequence of digital images,

wherein each image in the input sequence is edited according to the editing function component corresponding to the classification of the image.

89. (New) An apparatus for processing an input sequence of digital images, said apparatus comprising:

means for classifying each digital image of the sequence, wherein said means for classifying comprises:

means for analyzing the digital image for the presence of a human face;

means for determining a size of the located face with respect to a size of the image;

means for classifying the digital image according to one of at least three shot types based on the relative size of the face with respect to the image; and

means for storing the classification of the digital image as metadata associated with the digital image,

wherein said apparatus further comprises means for establishing an editing template for the sequence, the template having edit function components each corresponding to one of the image classifications; and

means for editing the sequence according to the template using the classification of each image in the input sequence to form an output sequence of digital images,

wherein each image in the input sequence is edited according to the editing function component corresponding to the classification of the image.

90. (New) A computer-readable medium storing a computer-executable program, the computer-executable program being executable by a computer apparatus so as to control the computer apparatus to process an input sequence of digital images, said program comprising:

code for classifying each digital image of the sequence, wherein said code for classifying comprises:

code for analyzing the digital image for the presence of a human face;

code for determining a size of the located face with respect to a size of the image;

code for classifying the digital image according to one of at least three shot types based on the relative size of the face with respect to the image; and

code for storing the classification of the digital image as metadata associated with the digital image,

wherein said program further comprises code for establishing an editing template for the sequence, the template having edit function components each corresponding to one of the image classifications; and

code for editing the sequence according to the template using the classification of each image in the input sequence to form an output sequence of digital images,

wherein each image in the input sequence is edited according to the editing function component corresponding to the classification of the image.